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1. With the exception of the Polish Air Force, the Polish armored corps have the largest number of Soviet officers. Soviet officers command the armored corps and are also in command of smaller armored units such as regiments. In the beginning of 1954, several Soviet generals and colonels serving in the Polish Army received promotions; the largest number of promotions occurred in the Polish armored corps. According to informant, new Soviet officers are still arriving from the USSR to serve in the Polish Army, which is being wholly modernized and equipped with new arms and equipment, most of which are manufactured in the USSR.
2. Four Military District Commands (dowodztwo okregu wojskowego) have been created in Poland; these may have been in existence since 1952. Each of these military district commands has an armored corps headquarters which has more mechanized divisions than is actually necessary for an armored corps. The excess divisions will be used to form, according to informant, the nuclei for the creation of additional armored corps. It is not known whether or not each military district command will organize the same number of armored corps, but the military district command in Bydgoszcz, which has jurisdiction over the Polish coastal area, is in the process of forming its second armored corps. The mechanized divisions of the Bydgoszcz military district command are stationed along the seacoast and parts of the hinterland as far back as Poznan. Informant has also heard several times that the headquarters of an armored corps is located in Gdansk (Danzig) and that the 8th Mechanized Division, which is quartered around Slupsk (Stolp) and Leborg (Lauenburg), belongs to the Gdansk armored corps' headquarters.
3. Informant has heard that the following Soviets are generals in the Polish armored corps: SUCHOW(fnu), BARINOFF (fnu), ROSINSKIJ (fnu), SWIDELSKIJ (fnu), RASZUKOV (fnu), and SIWICKIJ (fnu). General SWIDELSKIJ is of Polish origin.
4. The Polish armored corps have several training centers for non-commissioned officers and commissioned officers in Poland. The main center is probably in Jablonna, near Warsaw.

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